Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries

1767. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national parks and sanctuaries in the country as on the 1st January 1981, 1982 and 1983;

(b) what is the extent of the area covered by these parks and sanctuaries during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have drawn up any plan for the development of parks and sanctuaries during the next ten years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) The total area under National Parks and Sanctuaries at the end of 1980 was about 75700 sq. kms. which increase to about 90,000 sq. kms. by the begining of 1984.

(c) Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries is an ongoing programme, which is to be continued and augmented during the Seventh Plan period.

Statement

National Parks and sanctuaries in India

Name of State/UT	Position as on 1-12-1980		Position as on 1-12-1983		Position as on 1-5-1984	
	National Parks	Sanctuaries	National Parks	Sanctuaries	National Parks	Sanctuaries
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andaman and Nicobar	..	4	4	5	4	[illegible]
Andhra Pradesh	..	14	..	14	..	14
Arunachal Pradesh	..	4	1	5	1	4
Assam	1	7	1	8	1	8
Bihar	..	15	..	12	..	13
Chandigarh	..	1	..	1	..	1
Goa, Daman and Diu	..	3	1	3	1	3
Gujarat	2	5	4	10	4	10
Haryana	..	1	..	1	..	1
Jammu and Kashmir	..	4	3	4	3	4
Himachal Pradesh	..	26	..	27	1	[illegible]
Karnataka	3	13	3	16	3	16
Kerala	1	6	3	5	3	7
Madhya Pradesh	3	22	8	25	11	21
Maharashtra	4	10	4	10	4	10
Manipur	1	..	1	..	2	..
Meghalaya	..	1	..	2	..	2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mizoram	..	1	..	1	..	1
Nagaland	..	2	..	2	..	2
Orissa	..	18*	1	8	1	10
Punjab	..	4	..	5	.	5
Rajasthan	..	13	5	14	5	14
Sikkim	1	..	1	.	1	..
Tamil Nadu	1	7	2	9	2	10
Uttar Pradesh	2	12	4	10	4	12
West Bengal	..	12	1	13	1	13
TOTAL :	19	205	47	210	52	223

* This includes sanctuaries which had earlier been set up through administrative orders and not under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, such sanctuaries have not been reflected in the corresponding figures for 1983.

Allegation made by Pak President regarding massacre of Indian Muslims

1768. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan President had alleged that Muslims were being massacred in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action the Government of India have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The President of Pakistan is reported to have made remarks to this effect on at least three occasions in the recent past. A summary of these remarks is attached as statement.

Government have regretted these remarks as unwarranted and unwelcome inerference in India's affairs. Such statements are unbecoming for the Head of the military Government of a country where minorities do not enjoy equal rights. Government's views have been made known to the Government of Pakistan.

Statement

1. Pakistan Television in its news bulletin of 19th June 1984 quoted the Pakistan President as having said that even when muslims were victims in India, he kept quiet, though his heart was bleeding for them, because it was India's internal affair.

2. In an interview to 'Time' magazine published on 26th June 1984 the Pakistan President is reported to have said "if a single Muslim in any part of the world is in pain, it pains my heart. If there are atrocities against Muslims in India, we feel very strongly about this. But as a matter of deliberate policy over the past four years, I have not spoken a word about the people who have been butchered in Allahabad, in Madras, in Bombay. I am under heavy pressure from my own people (to speak out)'. I tell them, 'It should be put to India to look after its own minorities'."

3. In an interview published in the 'Wall Street Journal' on the 10th